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"We're happy to be at the Western State Bank Expo this year for a lot of reasons," said Don Delzeit, member of the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club.

The club hosts the annual train show every November and also hosts a show in Garden City every spring.

This year's move to the Expo, after years of having the show at the 4-H building, will provide additional space for people to enjoy the model train layouts operating at the show and browse through the merchandise offered by vendors.

"We'll be in the north one-third of the building, and that section has heated concrete floor so there won't be any drafty corners," Delzeit said.

The stars of the show will be the nine working model train layouts. The trains will represent all the popular sizes, from the smallest N scale to the most popular HO scale and up to the larger O scale and even the G scale, nicknamed the garden scale.

"Most people think of the O scale when they think of trains they had growing up — that's the Lionel scale," Delzeit said.

The 20,000 square foot display space for the show will also feature seven large vendors and several smaller booths.

A lunch counter will be available, offering sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

Tickets for the show are \$5 and children 10 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. A single ticket will get you into the show on both days.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Manna House.

"We usually alternate years between supporting Manna House and the Crisis Center," Delzeit said.

The Boot Hill Model Railroad Club boasts 25 members from Dodge City, Garden City, Sublette, Scott City and Greensburg.

The club is currently without a space in which to set up and run their layouts.

"We had a space but the building sold, so now we just keep our layout in a trailer in a storage shed. We're looking for a place to work on the layouts — make updates and touchups," Delzeit said.

The club will gather at the Expo Friday morning to organize the space for the show and to help vendors set up.

"Then at 10 a.m. Saturday we'll be ready to rumble," Delzeit said. "We just need to remind everybody not to go to the 4-H building this year."

For those unfamiliar with the new Expo's layout, Delzeit says the entrance to the show will be on the north side of the building.

"Just come south on 283 from the junction of 283 and 56 then turn right into the Expo complex. There will be plenty of parking on the north side of the building and Entrance C is clearly marked," he said.



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